SUMMER 2016 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Olin Library Renovation
The Olin Library will undergo a major renovation in the southeastern portion of the first floor this summer. The renovation will create a new vault space for special collections and additional exhibition space. A new entrance on the north side of the library will be created to develop a north-south circulation corridor that greatly improves access to the Library from the north side. The area below the Whispers Café will be excavated to provide an additional two levels of space, including 15,000 square feet of special collections storage and additional office and work space for library personnel. The area adjacent to Whispers Café will undergo a dramatic renovation with the addition of a four story glass tower, complete with collaboration space, meeting rooms, exhibition areas, and the Exploration Center. Whispers Café will be renovated to provide enhanced customer service and a more appealing and efficient layout. Construction will begin immediately following commencement in May 2016 and be completed in time for the 2017 fall semester.

Due to the excavation and construction at the Olin Library, a portion of the outside area immediately south of Whispers Café will be fenced off for construction activities and material storage. This area includes the bike parking area and a portion of the Oak Allee. The primary entrance to the Library, the south-facing door, will remain operational throughout the renovation project.

Construction trucks will use Houston Way as their primary route for accessing Olin Library during the renovation process. Approximately 50 trucks per day are estimated to travel along Houston Way. In light of the construction vehicles on campus, the trucks entering from Forsyth Boulevard will be safely escorted by flag-persons onto campus. Signs will also be located to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to an alternative route.

Bryan Hall
Bryan Hall is located on the north side of the Danforth Campus, flanked by the McMillen Chemistry building to the west and Jolley Hall to the east. Beginning in May 2016, the building will undergo a major renovation, including a complete replacement of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Additionally, the entire north façade facing Throop Drive, will also be removed and replaced with a modern glass and terra cotta skin, dramatically enhancing the building’s appearance and setting the tone for the re-envisioned north edge of campus. The building connector at levels 4 and 5 between Bryan Hall and McMillen will be completely removed and reconstructed as part of this process. The revised connection will create a better link between the two buildings. When completed in January 2018, the building will be home to 13 cutting-edge research chemistry laboratories, serving to attract and retain world class researchers and students.

Due to the major renovation efforts, the perimeter of Bryan Hall, including Throop Drive, Millstone Plaza, and the plaza connecting Bryan Hall and Cupples II will be inaccessible from May 29th, 2016 until the start of the Fall 2017 semester.

Forest Park Parkway Bridge
An integral part of the construction at Bryan Hall will be the rebuilding of the pedestrian and bike bridge over Forest Park Parkway. The current structure, which is part of the Centennial Greenway, will be removed and replaced with a wider structure to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety at this important entrance to the heart of the Danforth Campus. The construction of the bridge will occur in two phases. The first phase of construction will take place in the summer of 2016, with the elevated section over Throop Drive being removed and replaced with a wider bridge section in time for the 2016 fall semester. The section of the bridge from Throop Drive north over Forest Park Parkway will remain in place, however access will be modified. A temporary stair at the terminus of Throop Drive will be installed to connect the bridge to Throop Drive, located below. Consequently, the Centennial Greenway will be temporarily closed at this area until late August 2017. Pedestrians and cyclists will be detoured to alternate paths along Throop Drive leading them onto the Danforth Campus.

The second phase of the bridge construction will take place during the summer of 2017. During this phase the bridge will be completely closed, prohibiting passage over Forest Park Parkway from late May 2017 until late August of 2017. Signs will be located to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to an alternative route.
Throop Drive Closure

The Bryan Hall and Forest Park Parkway Bridge construction will necessitate the closure of Throop Drive to private vehicles until the completion of Bryan Hall in January 2018. Vehicles traveling west on Throop from Hoyt will be able to access Rudolph, Compton, Urbauer, and Jolley Halls, but will be forced to turn around and exit via Hoyt due to the construction area at Bryan. Vehicles heading east from Throop and Snow Way will be able to access the Millbrook Garage, Knight Center, Knight Hall, McMillan Addition, Lab Science, the EH&S building, Radio Chemistry and McMillen Hall, but will be forced to turn around at the end of the Millbrook Garage and travel west to exit the area. Signs will be located to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to an alternative route.

East End Utilities

Utility work on the east end of the Danforth Campus near Rudolph Hall will begin immediately after commencement and conclude prior the start of the 2016 Fall semester. This utility work is necessary to relocate and extend vital infrastructure to prepare for the East End Danforth Campus project. The utility work will be primarily located on the lawn immediately east and south of Rudolph Hall. There will be minor construction along Hoyt drive near Forsyth Boulevard between Hillman Hall and Givens Hall.

During daily construction work hours, the southbound lane on Hoyt Drive will be closed, from Rudolph Hall to the start of parking lot 4. Flagman will be located at the construction edges along Hoyt Drive to escort traffic safely along Hoyt Drive. Vehicles traveling north on Hoyt Drive will be redirected to Brookings Drive to exit the Danforth Campus. The construction may cause traffic delays during the workday, but Hoyt will be returned to normal traffic flow at the end of the workday. Signs will be located to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to an alternative route.

Big Bend Dual Path

The east side of Big Bend Boulevard from Forsyth Boulevard to Forest Park Parkway will see the removal and reconstruction of the sidewalk during the Summer of 2016. The sidewalk will be replaced with a separated and expanded pedestrian and bicycle pathway. During this time pedestrians and cyclists will be detoured to the west sidewalk of Big Bend Boulevard. Construction work will begin after commencement and conclude prior to the 2016 fall semester. Signs will be located to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to an alternative route.

Wallace Drive Utility Replacement

The Missouri American Water Company will be replacing a large water main on Wallace Drive over the summer of 2016. The work zone will begin at Forsyth Boulevard extending south on Wallace Drive and continue west into the Alumni House parking lot. Wallace Drive will remain open to vehicles, but there will be flagmen and traffic restrictions during the work day. Due to the construction, some parking spaces at the Alumni House parking lot will be unavailable during this period.